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SUBJECT: PL480 TITLE ONE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 49140, COLOMBO 807, 793

1. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED COLOMBO REFTELS BEING SENT
SEPTEL. WE HOPE SIGNING OF AGREEMENT CAN TAKE PLACE AS
SCHEDULED MARCH 25.

2. MEANWHILE PL 480 RICE ALLOCATION FOR FY L975 SOMEWHAT
EASED AND WE NOW CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL COUNTY PROGRAM-
MING UNDER THE PL 480 TITLE ONE PROGRAM. WE ARE REVIEWING
CERTAIN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SRI LANKA, TO DETERMINE FEASI-
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BILITY OF PROGRAMING RICE FOR THOSE HAVING ADDITIONAL

FOODGRAIN NEEDS IN FY L975.

3. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER UP TO 50,000 MT OF RICE, IN ADDITION TO THE 100,000 MT OF WHEAT FLOUR, FOR SRI LANKA UNDER TITLE ONE. THEREFORE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH GSL OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THEIR INTEREST IN RICE, RECOGNIZING THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPLORATORY AT THIS POINT. EMBASSY MAY RECALL DIFFICULTIES SURROUNDING TITLE ONE PROGRAMMING OF RICE TO SRI LANKA IN EARLY

1960S BECAUSE OF THE TYPE OF RICE SENT AT THAT TIME. IF GSL OFFICIALS DESIRE TO INCLUDE RICE IN THE PROPOSED TITLE ONE AGREEMENT AND IT IS FAVORABLY CONSIDERED HERE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MEANS OF AN AMENDMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. WE NEED TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON CLEARANCES AND THIRD COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS. IF GSL INTERESTED IN RICE, EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE WASHINGTON WITH THE TYPE AND QUALITY OF RICE THAT CYLONESE PREFER SO THAT WE CAN MATCH THIS WITH COMPARABLE US RICE. INGERSOLL

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